

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 22-31, and 56-58 are pending in the application. Claims 8-21 and 32-55 have been cancelled by this amendment without prejudice. Claims 56-58 have been added by this amendment.

Claims 1 and 3 are amended to include a definition of the Ar group. Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 0021. The definition excludes non-fused aromatic rings with intervening functional groups, such as $-\phi-R-\phi-$, but does not exclude a biphenyl.

Claims 22, 24, and 26 are amended to recite "a base" instead of "cesium carbonate." Support for this amendment is found in paragraph 0036 which states that a base is used in a subsequent reaction, and in paragraphs 0058-0061 which disclose that the same base may be used in the presently claimed reactions.

New claims 56-58 recite specific bases. Support for cesium carbonate is found in paragraph 0058, and support for potassium carbonate is found in paragraph 0061.

Similar amendments were made in the allowed parent application.

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